

Claim 16, line 2, after "said trocar" insert --tip--.

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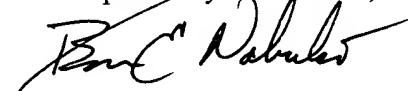
Initially, Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in this application on September 18, 1991. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and the date stamped postcard is enclosed for the Examiner's reference. Entry of the claim amendments set forth in the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 (all pending claims) under 35 USC §112, paragraph 2, for a purported failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. In response to the Examiner's observations, Applicant has made a series of claim amendments. These claim amendments are amply supported by the specification, as filed, and are believed to address each of the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits the claims, as amended, are in full compliance with Section 112, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under Section 112.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that all pending claims would be allowable upon resolution of the Section 112 issues. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance and a prompt Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

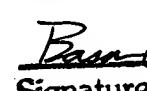


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